(b) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd.—Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant (RINL-VSP) has earned a net profit of Rs. 521 crores during the year 2002-2003. It has also registered a net profit of Rs. 465 crores (Provisional) during the 1st half of the current year i.e. 2003-2004.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) During the year 2001 -2002, RINL-VSP suffered a net loss of Rs. 75 crores.

Reducing exports of steel to USA

1994. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US is putting pressure on the Government of India to restrain Indian steel companies from exporting too much steel and steel products to the US market, despite the fact Indian exports are well within the specified limit;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have made any efforts to reduce the export of steel to the USA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Increasing steel prices

† 1995. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI MOTI LAL VORA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 479 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 2003 and state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.